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OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHESDA CHURCH, AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALA.

OCTOBER 4 and 5, 1898.

OFFICERS:

F. M. Woods - - -	*Moderator* - - - -	Blocton, Ala.
W. J. Ruddick - -	*Stated Clerk* - - -	Stanton, Ala.
H. W. Caffey - -	*Treasurer* - - - -	Verbena, Ala.

The next session will be held with Mulberry Church, 7 miles east of Maplesville, Ala., on Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1899.

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ADDRESSES OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

Foreign Missions -	W. J. Fleming - -	Randolph, Ala
Home Missions - -	W. I. Mullins - -	Clanton, Ala
State Missions - -	A. L. Haralson - -	Verbena, Ala
Education - - - -	Judson Strock - -	Verbena, Ala
Ministerial Education	J. M. Smoke - -	Huckabee, Ala
Bible Schools - -	T. J. Henderson,	Mountain Creek, Ala
Periodicals - -	W. C. Adair -	Jones' Switch, Ala
Temperance -	H. W. Caffey - -	Verbena, Ala
Institute Work - -	W. J. Ruddick - -	Stanton, Ala

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 a. m. to 10:45 a. m.
2. Introductory Sermon, 11 a. m.
3. Call to order, after dinner.
4. Organization.
5. Read Rules of Decorum.
6. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
7. Admission of new churches.
8. Correspondents received.
9. Appoint Committees to report this session—
   - On Preaching this session.
   - Letters and Documents.
   - Aged and Infirm Ministers.
   - Deceased Ministers.
   - Nominations.
   - Apportionment.
10. Reports.
11. Appoint Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
    - Bible Schools.
    - Temperance.
    - Periodicals.
    - Orphans' Home.
    - Education.
    - Ministerial Education.
    - Institute Work.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES.

1. Unity Baptist Association met in its Forty-Fourth Annual session with the church at Bethesda, Autauga County, Ala., Tuesday, October 4th, 1898.. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. M. Pool. P. C. Dennis and T. J. Deason led in prayer.

2. At 11 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by W. J. Ruddick; text, Rev. 22 chapter, 17 verse, "The Spirit and the Bride say Come." W. Y. Quisenberry then led the Association in prayer, and a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

3. At 2 p. m. the Association assembled in the meeting house. F. M. Woods, Moderator, called the body to order and W. Y. Quisenberry led us in prayer for God's blessing on this session of the Unity Association.

4. The letters from the churches were read by H. W. Caffey and G. W. Taylor, and the following is a list of delegates present:

Ebenezer—W. J. Ruddick.
Mulberry—J. L. Palmer, W. H. Veazy, W. J. Fleming.
Evergreen—G. W. Taylor, J. H. Apperson, E. M. Bishop, E. L. Vassar.
Shiloh—R. L. Williams, T. J. Deason, E. B. Deason, W. J. Billingsley, Joseph Popwell.
Verbena—H. W. Caffey, L. Moore, Watts Moore, W. B. Strock, A. L. Haralson.
Providence—T. J. Bates, J. M. Robinson.
Clanton—P. M. Moore, J. M. Thacker.
Plantersville—Willie Chandler.
Valley Creek—R. P. Barnes, J. W. Mitchell.
Bethsalem—John Moore, Sr., E. B. Popwell, J. Bowles.
Good Hope—R. D. May, E, J. Langley.
Sardis—J. F. Hayes, H. Fisher.
Alpine—C. W. Klenner.
Bethel—N. L. Maroney, W. T. Herrod, A. H. Johnson.
Harmony—J. H. Griffis, H. E. Wallace, J. W. Durden.
Pilgrim's Rest—W. L. Chandler, S. S. Chandler.
Big Spring—R. Smith, G. D. Apperson, Claud Willis.
New Prospect—B. M. Rollinson.

Chestnut Creek—P. C. Dennis, I. J. Vinson.
Mt. Carmel—W. M. Roebuck.
Mt. Zion—W. S. Willis.
Shady Grove—O. Moore.
Bethesda—J. M. Smoke, H. M. Poole, G. W. Smith, M. D. Wyatt, W. B. Jackson.
Bozeman—J. B. Gray, T. J. Henderson, C. A. Pyron.

5. The rules were suspended and F. M. Woods was re-elected Moderator and H. W. Caffey Treasurer.

6. Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

7. The following were recognized as correspondents:
W. Y. Quisenberry, from the Montgomery Association, represented the State Board of Missions and the *Alabama Baptist;* W. H. Connel from the Shelby Association, and F. M. Woods from the Tuscaloosa Association.

8. The reports on Orphan's Home, Temperance, Ministerial Education and Home Missions not being ready, the following brethren were appointed to prepare said reports for to-morrow:
Orphans' Home—G. W. Taylor.
Temperance—J. M. Smoke.
Ministerial Education—W. H. Connell.
Home Missions—N. L. Maroney.

9. Brookson Church presented a letter asking for membership in this Association and was unanimously received, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to its delegates, J. W. Billingsley and B. P. Jones.

10. The following committees were appointed to report this session:

Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Bethesda.
Letters and Documents—P. C. Dennis, E. B. Deason, H. E. Wallace.
Finance—N. L. Maroney, P. M. Moore, J. L. Palmer.
Deceased Ministers—T. J. Deason, W. J. Fleming, E. M. Bishop.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. M. Smoke, J. M. Thacker, W. C. Adair.
Nominations—T. J. Henderson, J. W. Billingsley, E. J. Langley.
Apportionment—G. W. Taylor, A. L. Haralson, R. P. Barnes.

11. The hour of meeting each day was made 9 a. m.; adjournment 4 p. m.

12. The Report on Periodicals was presented by P. C. Dennis. W. Y. Quisenberry spoke to the report.

13. Pending the adoption of the report the Association was

led in prayer by J. M. Smoke and adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Second Day—October 5, 1898.

14. At 9 a. m. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. H. Griffis. Prayers were made by A. L. Haralson, N. L. Maroney and J. M. Thacker

15. The Moderator called the body to order, stating that the business before us was the adoption of the Report on Periodicals; no further discussion, it was adopted.

16. P. M. Moore read the Report on Bible Schools, prepared by W. I. Mullins. It was discussed by W. J. Ruddick and adopted.

17. G. W. Taylor presented the report on Orphans' Home, and after speeches by J. M. Smoke, F. M. Woods, W. B. Strock, W. H. Connell, W. Y. Quisenberry, P. C. Dennis and J. M. Thacker, it was adopted.

18. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read by the Clerk.

19. Before the reports were discussed or adopted, W. Y. Quisenberry preached the Missionary sermon; text, Mark 16 chapter, 15 verse, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Collection $19.

20. The Association then adjourned for dinner, after prayer by J. M. Smoke.

21. At 2 p. m. the Association met and was led in prayer by E. J. Langley.

22. W. J. Ruddick and W. Y. Quisenberry spoke on the Mission reports, and the reports were adopted.

23. H. W. Caffey read the report on Education. H. W. Caffey and A. L. Haralson addressed the Association and the report was then adopted.

24. The report on Ministerial Education was presented by W. H. Connell. W. H. Connell spoke on this subject and the report was adopted.

25. F. M. Woods presented the claims of the Institute Work, and its claims were adopted by the Association.

26. J. M. Smoke made the report on Temperance. He addressed the Association on this important subject, as also did E. J. Langley, and the report was adopted.

27. T. J. Deason read the report on Deceased Ministers, and the report was adopted.

28. Report from Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by J. M. Thacker. It was spoken to by N. L. Maroney and W. H. Connell, and was adopted after taking a collection of $7.10 for C. C. Billingsley.

29. N. L. Maroney was continued as a committee to collect and disburse this fund.

30. The report on Finance was presented by N. L. Maroney and was adopted.

31. P. C. Dennis read the report of the Committee on Letters and Documents, and on motion it was adopted.

32. A. L. Haralson made the report on Apportionment, and the report was adopted.

33. P. C. Dennis presented the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and is hereby tendered to the brothers, sisters and neighbors of this community for the kind and hospitable entertainment we have received while among them.

34. The following committees were appointed to report next session:

Foreign Missions—W. J. Fleming, E. B. Deason, J. C. Veazy.

Home Missions—W. I. Mullins, S. M. Adams, T. J. Deason.

State Missions—A. L. Haralson, P. M. Moore, J. W. Billingsley.

Education—Judson Strock, R. D. May, H. M. Pool.

Ministerial Education—J. M. Smoke, N. L. Maroney, W. H. Burns.

Bible Schools—T. J. Henderson, J. H. Griffis, Watts Moore.

Periodicals—W. C. Adair, G. W. Taylor, R. P. Barnes.

Temperance—H. W. Caffey, J. C. Pool, E. J. Langley.

Institute Work—W. J. Ruddick, W. M. Roebuck, E. M. Bishop.

Executive Committee—W. I. Mullins, W. L. Sampey, W. D. Sartor, W. B. Strock, H. W. Caffey.

35. P. C. Dennis offered the following resolution. It was adopted after being amended.

Resolved, That the fourth item in our order of business be dispensed with. That the letters from the churches be referred to the Committee on Letters and Documents, and that all statistical matters and other items of interest contained in said letters shall be incorporated in their report.

36. All unappropriated funds remaining in the hands of Treasurer after paying for Minutes and Clerk's fee was on motion appropriated to Institute Work.

37. On motion of H. W. Caffey $30 was ordered paid for printing Minutes and $30 for the Clerk.

38. The Treasurer made his report, and on motion it was adopted. Treasurer H. W. Caffey has sent in a corrected report showing all funds paid as ordered and appropriated by the Association.

39. On motion of N. L. Maroney the day of meeting of the Association was changed from Tuesday after the first Sunday in October to Wednesday before the second Sunday in October.

40. The business of the Association being completed. we sang, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," gave each other the parting hand, united in prayer with J. M. Smoke, and adjourned to meet with Mulberry Church, Chilton County, Alabama, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1899.

F. M. Woods, *Moderator.*

W. J. Ruddick, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORTS

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of our State Board of Missions during the years that it has been in existence has been of great importance, and it has been greatly blessed, as the results have been in great measure.

At present its work is directed toward the Evangelistic idea. In this, earnest, consecrated, talented men are employed to visit the churches, and working in harmony with the pastors, to build up a missionary spirit and develop the membership. Of these men, W. A. Parker, Sr., has labored in our Association, visiting during March and April nine or ten of our churches, preaching and taking collections for the work of the Board.

While this kind of work may not be to the mind of many of our brethren, yet the State Board is doing that which in its wisdom was best, and it has indeed been a blessing to many churches and pastors in helping them to know more of the great work of our Lord, and in internal and personal development.

However, this is not the only work that is being done. At many points missionary pastors are being supported in part or in full, and as in the past, we may expect to see some fruit of their labors in the upbuilding of strong, self-sustaining and well instructed churches.

Our own Association has helped in this work and has been assisted in turn by our State Board. Our Executive Committee has never asked any help from the Board but what they received. Of course we were asked to help ourselves as far as we could, which was right and proper, and then the assistance came.

In connection with this report, allow us to mention Autaugaville as a point that has been neglected for a number of years. There is a good building in good condition, and your committee believe that the time has come to again resume work, and recommend that our Executive Committee be instructed to inquire into the outlook of Autaugaville, and if found to be good, to ask the assistance of the Board.

The M. & O. Railroad now runs through our Association, on which several towns and villages are being built up. Already one church has been constituted at Brookson. Mt. Carmel is located near Ramsey Station. Maplesville and Billingsley should

be taken by us for Christ the Lord; should we lose our opportunity others will occupy and we shall lose our reward.

This may appear to be a digression, but your committee realize that we should look after our own field as being near at hand, and ask our churches to be liberal in their contributions of this part of our Master's work and then with consistent and approving conscience we can ask our State Board to help us.

Beloved, the field is white to harvest; pray God to send forth laborers, and as He sends let us accept the trust and help by supporting them in their labors.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. RUDDICK.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Great interest is now being manifested in many places in the work of our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga.

The Board is endeavoring to meet the destitution on the frontiers of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory; among the Germans in Missouri and at Baltimore; among the negroes in our own Southland, and the Cubans in Key West and Tampa, Fla.

The Spanish war, which but very recently was brought to a close, in which the United States was victor, has opened up again our Mission Work in Cuba, and as Porto Rico has been added to our national domain, the doors of that island are now open for the Missionary of the Cross. No longer need the Missionary dread the power of Romanism, backed by the Spanish courts, but under the protection of our own flag he can proclaim the truth as it is in Jesus. These open doors which God has given to us should be entered by us.

They are blessed who follow His guidance and do what He points out. God makes no mistakes; these new accessions are to be evangelized, and as they lie at our doors and are to be under our care politically, is it not our work, yea our duty, to give them the Gospel of Christ? God has signally blessed our Board in its work in the years gone by, and if faithful to its trust it will continue to receive His blessing.

Remember, brethren, this Board is only a committee to look after this work; it has no income save what God's people puts into its hand; it is our agent in common with the people all over this Southland, let us therefore give for this work a large part of our Lord's money.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. RUDDICK.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God's infinite mind never conceived of separate departments in Mission work such as we are familiar with, *i. e.*, State, Home

and Foreign Missions. God's idea of Missions is: "The World's Missions." "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, etc." It doesn't say: God so loved the population of any one State, or that of all the States, nor yet that of any particular country, clime or condition, but the whole world, meaning that wheresoever men and women dwell on the whole globe, to these the gospel must be preached. So, the authority and necessity for Foreign Missions are based on God's eternal truth, Christ's atoning sacrifice, Holy Spirit's command to go, and man's need of salvation. The command to give the gospel to the heathen is as high as Heaven, and deep as man's need of redemption through Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of sinners. He who does not believe this and act accordingly, is either ignorant of what God teaches in His book, or means to quibble and thus prejudice his mind against God's will and purpose and set himself up as the vice-regent of the Almighty.

1. What is the real task which the work of Foreign Missions aims to accomplish?

The question is important, since misapprehension as to the scope of the work often leads to discouragement. The question of success does not hinge upon the conversion of all the millions of China and Africa. God did not say: Go and convert the world, but go and preach, teach, evangelize. The special errand of Foreign Missions is to make known the glad tidings of salvation to benighted nations, to plant everywhere those institutions of the gospel which by self-support and self-propagation, shall extend the work of edification just as the Home Missionary work is carried on in Christian lands.

This specific work has already been accomplished measurably in South Africa, Madagascar and Hawaii. It is being rapidly accomplished in Japan. It can be done in all dark lands. One century of earnest, consecrated Christian effort to evangelize the world ought to suffice, while the Christian work of one's own country can never be completed; for as long as children born into our families are born in sin and and shapen in iniquity, just so long must the glorious work of preaching at home continue. England is still at it after one thousand years, and our own country a thousand years hence will still have the task of evangelizing the ignorant and degraded. To give the heathen at least a seed for their husbandry, to plant at least the prophetic "handful of corn in the tops of the mountains,"—this should be done before another fifty years have elapsed. This is the proper work of Foreign Missions.

2. What are some of the present hindrances to the work of Foreign Missions? They are many and are so obvious that only a brief mention is necessary.

(*a*). The damaging influence of foreign commerce and foreign contact and of narrow and unscrupulous diplomacy, is a gigantic obstacle. The wholesale liquor traffic that pours from

our Christian lands over the shores of all benighted nations, the opium trade, the unjust legislation which treats heathen races with indignity and abuse, which disregards treaties made with races not strong enough to assert their rights; the vicious contact of unscrupulous foreigners who, escaping the conventional restraints of home communities, spread their baneful influence far and near, among simple and ignorant peoples. The only possible means of correction is the redoubling of effort in proportion to the greatness of the obstacle, the most hearty support which the church can give to missionaries in their isolated work, and above all, the earnest prayers of all Christians that God's quickening and restraining Spirit may rest upon all the interests and issues of His own cause.

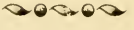
(*b*). Another great hindrance is the scattering abroad of infidel books and influence in all countries where missionary enlightenment has prepared the way. Even the efforts of missionaries in making known the English language are taken advantage of by specious and aggressive error. The language which was designed to make known the truth is made the vehicle for conveying error and blasphemous misrepresentation of the gospel. The activity and zeal with which this work of evil is carried on through books, pamphlets and cheap tracts, should stimulate the friends of missions to redouble their zeal, increase their gifts, and thus more than counterbalance the evil that is being done.

(*c*). Turning from outside influences which oppose the work there are obstacles for which the Church itself is responsible. The force of Christian effort is too seriously divided and thus dissipated. The tendency with many Christian people to seek for outside methods and channels of work, to forsake or neglect the great organized agencies for which the Church itself is responsible; and to take up some romantic, and sometimes fantastic, form of work which some advocate earnestly presses, is among the great embarassments which cripple the Missionary Boards and keep them always in uncertainty as to the support which they are likely to secure. Brethren, we are fast drifting away from the Bible moorings, and the needle of our compass points toward Rome. O, may the swelling tide of the Holy Spirit keep us from the breakers.

(*d*). Another obstacle lies in the fact that the work of Foreign Missions is far off. That its plea never comes to our door, never displays its tatters and squalid degradation and sore needs before our eyes, is a serious drawback as the sympathy of men goes. The motive that must inspire the work of Missions has little of the humanitarian element. The voice of the Great Commission sounds out of the dim past. The infinite demands of the Eternal Kingdom are faintly discerned. The actual presence of a Divine Redeemer whose heart bleeds for lost humanity, is scarcely realized in the din and hum of materialistic interests

which so throng upon us day by day. We see the things of time; we hear not the billows that break ever upon the distant shores of eternity. We fail to measure the powers of the world to come, and so century after century rolls by, while the Gospel, all in our possession and so adapted in form and method and availability, so furnished with facilities and means of access and communication, still remains a monopoly of the Christian Church, or at least of Christian lands. Respectfully,

C. Johnson.



REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

We your Committee appointed at the last session of this Association to make a report on our Bible Schools beg leave to make the following report:

God's plan in the formation of man, the law governing and controlling all things, the principle upon which God proposes to save fallen man through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotton of the Father is all embodied in one book, the Bible, which is the book of books, which is the greatest gift of God to man. With this gift we are commanded to search the Scriptures for they are they that testify of Him; this implies earnest application to ascertain its teachings. They teach us of the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God. They further teach that whosoever believes on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

How all important it is that we teach them to our children and to those who are in darkness and sin, that through their teachings their blinded eyes may be opened that they may see God as he is and thereby be constrained to serve Him aright.

We therefore feel the great necessity of the Bible School, a place where we come in contact with those who are out of Christ, and in this capacity we are aided by our fellows to more fully comprehend God's will concerning us. And again in this capacity men and women of all ages—from the infant to the aged—are all concerned alike with a single thought to study the Bible and learn to better serve our Master. It is here that the man desiring knowledge of God and striving to better acquaint himself with His word comes in contact with, and by an exchange of ideas with his co-workers obtains information that better fits him for usefulness in the Master's cause.

We are pleased to report a growing interest in the cause of Bible study by the agency of these schools, as well as of the Sunday schools which are intended more fully for the development of the young.

Realizing the great good to be accomplished by these schools we feel that they should be encouraged. and we therefore recommend that every Church of this Association, which has not these

schools, be urged to at once organize the same, and we further recommend that at least one Sunday school Institute be held in each District of this Association during the ensuing year. All of which is most respectfully submitted,

W. I. MULLINS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intemperance is one of the world's greatest foes. It is the most successful agent the devil has in the world, indeed it is the child of the devil, for his mission is to destroy. Strong drink destroys the peace of the individual, the community and the country at large. It leads to poverty, disgrace, murder, insanity, death and hell. Oh, what a foe! Every child of God should be earnestly and constantly engaged in the great fight, nor lay their weapons down until the enemy is driven from every community, county, state and the entire world.

We have been very much elated over the progress of Temperance, as we have seen strong drink steadily retreating before the onward march of the Temperance army. Have we become satisfied with our work, and with the victories won and feel that there is no danger nigh? We ought not to be. The devil is a great strategist and has introduced cider, which is being sold all over our country by members of our churches, and members of our churches drink it; this cider intoxicates.

Your Committee suggest that our churches see to it that none of our members sell or drink it. Attention is called to the resolution adopted by this Association in 1895.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. SMOKE.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to say that we, as Baptists, are not making the progress that we should with the facilities which we have. We should be as a watchman upon the wall. Cry aloud and spare not. We should be as cautious as to what we read or permit our children to, as we are in regard to the company they keep; their reading matter is their associate, and as the tree is bent as the twig was inclined, so will the mind of our children be inclined according to the writer they read after. A great many immoral papers, books and obscene pictures should be shunned and guarded against. As the glass of wine when imbibed biteth like an adder and prostrates our sons with delirium tremens, and causes them to fill a drunkard's grave, or the intimacy caused in the ball room debauches the fair name of our daughters, so does impure reading stunt the moral growth and causes an unhealthy condition of mind.

These things carry many a father and mother to a premature grave. It is certainly a sin for us not to watch with a scrutinizing eye what we or our children read. Those whom we read after are our companions and we are judged by the company we keep. If you know what a young man or lady prefers to read ninety times out of a hundred you can tell their influence. Then we should be as careful of those who read impure books and papers as we are to keep them from bad company. Therefore we see the necessity of every family taking some good religious paper, and every church having a good ever green Sabbath school without which doubtless the sins of our children hung upon our skirts. We most hearily recommend the *Alabama Baptist* to every home in our State, and the Convention series of Publications for our Sunday-schools. We further recommend the *Texas Baptist Standard*, *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Our Home Field*. We see the necessity of watching and praying and our own observations as well as the Master's words, proves the duty of watching and praying in our reading as well as from temptation and sin.

Brethren let us read more of our religious papers and learn what God is doing throughout the world, and then hand in hand and heart to heart with our ministers, we should work and pray for revivals in our churches. Revival in our reading matter would cheer us in our Master's service, and we would hear less of the hard times.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Dennis.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphanage at Evergreen has become an important feature in our benevolent work in this State. It seeks to provide a home for all destitute children who are sound in body and mind. It provides them with the necessaries of life and also trains them for usefullness in life by giving them an education and religious instruction. A goodly number of the children have been taken into the home, some of them have been adopted into families, some of the boys have been apprenticed, and there are now in the home about 55 boys and girls.

All who are old enough go to church and Sunday-School and most of the older ones are members of the church.

Rev. J. W. Stewart is financial agent; all contributions for the Home should be sent to him at Evergreen. Sometimes provisions are acceptable but we suggest correspondence with Bro. Stewart before shipping.

Mrs. C. J. Ansley, known to us in the Association, is the matron, she looks after all the children, their wants, their discipline and training. Well qualified by nature and education

as well as God's grace she has been successful in her work among these homeless ones.

This work brethren appeals to us in no uncertain tones. These little ones have been placed on our care by their heavenly Father and if ours we must not neglect them. Our Saviour has said "the poor ye have with you always," and God, Himself has said "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord;" this is good security. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

What is the true ideal of Christian Education, and how are its ends to be attained? We apprehend that something should be sought that will lift to a higher plane of life, inspire to nobler action, and stimulate all the powers to their utmost for the glory of God and the elevation of humanity. In seeking to carry out such a purpose the triune plan of cultivating and developing the moral, physical and mental faculties, in their proper relationship to one another, and assigning to each that position in the process which its true nature and importance demands, is to be kept steadily in view.

First, The education of the moral nature cannot be entered upon too soon, and should begin in the nursery, when the earliest dawnings of intelligence appear in the infant mind; the principles of love and obedience should then be implanted in the heart; the fear of God diligently inculcated, and all those doctrines of Bible truth faithfully imparted which are to form the ground work of Christian character in future life, for on this initial training at the mother's knee, as it were, the momentous interests of both time and eternity may hinge.

This means on the part of parents religion in the home and practical piety in the daily life, and it involves the fulfillment of the most solemn and awful responsibility ever devolved upon human beings, after the salvation of their own souls, for upon its faithful discharge hinges the immortal interests of those committed to their care and destined to spend a life of bliss in Heaven or unending misery in an eternal hell. The opportunity to do this is brief, and the work must be done "while it is called today." The second important point in education is the careful fostering of the physical system, and watchful effort to guard the health in the formation period of life, for upon the development of a sound body the proper working of both moral and mental faculties are largely dependent, and no one can attain to the highest usefulness with an enfeebled body and impaired physical powers—hence in the training of the young these ends should be kept steadily in view. The heart and physical powers having been duly nurtured, the third object of

education may be hopefully entered on, to-wit: The training and development of the intellect. Only the wisest and most careful Christian teacher obtainable should be employed, and schools of the highest grade patronized, for at this stage of life and in these matters the teacher occupies for the time being the place of the parent, and their fidelity and personal influence may largely shape and determine the future success and usefulness of those entrusted to their charge. With the moral, physical and intellectual faculties thus educated in their due order and relation to each other, we should have as a result a well-rounded, symmetrical and fully developed Christian manhood and womanhood, possessing those qualifications that render its possessor happy, shedding sunshine and happiness upon all with whom they come in contact; honoring God in their lives and blessing their fellowmen by the gracious influence they shed around them wherever they go.

We cordially commend to the patronage and support of our brethren the Judson Female Institute, at Marion; the Alabama Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, and Howard College, at East Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial Education is the leading feature in Church work. The minister is the teacher. Who can teach, not having learned?

Do we employ men to transact business who do not understand the enterprise we wish them to engage in?

Would we employ persons to teach our children who have not first learned the science we wish them to teach? No. Why not? For the simple reason, they could not teach them.

Neither can a man teach the "all things" Christ commands, not having learned.

If we would successfully contend against the powers of darkness we must keep pace with them in knowledge.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. CONNELL.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We are pleased to note an increase in the Missionary spirit, the Churches all at peace, and many reporting revivals.

We find 28 churches represented, 19 of which report Sunday-schools, with 108 officers and teachers and 880 scholars enrolled.

We suggest that each Church organize a Missionary Society and Sunday-school, and that the clerks be careful to place

cash and vouchers in the proper column, and to report Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings.

We recommend that the next session be held with Mulberry Church. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Dennis, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your Committee appointed to report the names of Aged and Infirm Ministers within the bounds of the Unity Association, find that C. C. Billingsley is the only one, and from investigation recommend that he be helped.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Thacker.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to report as follows:

Since our last session the Lord has called from our midst Elder T. J. Elam and Brother A. G. Patrick, a licentiate.

While we mourn their loss, we believe it is their eternal gain.

We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, and bow in humble submission to the Master's will. He doeth all things well. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Deason, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following:

To preach Introductory Sermon next session—T. J. Deason; alternate, J. L. Long.

To preach Missionary Sermon—W. J. Ruddick; alternate, L. J. Hand.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. H. Marbury, W. L. Sampey, H. W. Caffey, P. M. Moore, E. J. Langley.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—George L. Bell; alternate, W. I. Mullins.

We further recommend that the District meetings be held as follows:

First District at Evergreen Church, on Friday before fifth Sunday in January, 1899.

Second District at Verbena, on Friday before fifth Sunday in April, 1899.

THIRD DISTRICT at Clanton, on Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1899.

FOURTH DISTRICT at Plantersville, on Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1899.

Pastors and Deacons of these Churches to prepare programs.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HENDERSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The Churches are requested to raise these amounts for Missions during the year:

Bethesda	$20 00	Randolph	$20 00
Bozeman	75 00	Alpine	6 00
Bethel	3 00	Sardis	4 00
Clanton	50 00	Shiloh	10 00
Chestnut Creek	15 00	Verbena	50 00
Evergreen	20 00	Shady Grove	10 00
Corinth	5 00	Pilgrim's Rest	4 00
Friendship	5 00	Valley Creek	25 00
Bethsalem	5 00	Ebenezer	35 00
Harmony	6 00	Plantersville	15 00
Mulberry	30 00	Salem	7 00
Mt. Zion	15 00	Jemison	35 00
New Prospect	5 00	Good Hope	5 00
Big Spring	15 00	Enterprise	2 00
Maple Spring	5 00	Pleasant Grove	2 50
Providence	20 00	Brookson	3 00
Mt. Carmel	8 00		
Total			$537 50

We recommend that the Churches contribute twenty-five per cent additional for the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. HARALSON,
R. P. BARNES,
G. W. TAYLOR,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

Cash received for State Missions	$ 25 90
" " for Home Missions	16 69
" " for Foreign Missions	9 53
" " for Orphans' Home	17 50
" " for Ministerial Education	2 50
" " for Minutes and Associational purposes	53 10
Collections	26 10
	$151 32

This amount has been paid over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. MARONEY, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Finance Committee - - $151 32

CREDITS.

By amount paid Dr. W. C. Bledsoe for State Missions,				$ 25 90
"	"	"	Home Missions -	16 69
"	"	"	Foreign Missions -	9 53
"	"	"	Bible Work - -	19 00
"	"	"	Orphans' Home - -	17 50
"	"	"	Ministerial Education,	2 50
"	"	"	Institute Work - -	3 10
"	" W. J. Ruddick for Minutes - - -			50 00
"	N. L. Maroney for C. C. Billingsley - -			7 10
Total - - - - - - - - -				$151 32

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, S. M.....Clanton, Ala.
Billingsley, C. C.....Billingsley, Ala.
Bone, W. J.....Kincheon, Ala.
Deason, T. J.....Kincheon, Ala.
Hand, J. L.....Marbury, Ala.
Jones, Hardy.....Verbena, Ala.
Langley, E. J.....Prattville, Ala.
Long, J. L.....Bozeman, Ala.
Long, R. H.....Jemison, Ala.
Manning, E. L.....Mountain Creek, Ala.
Moore, J. E.....Energy, Ala.
Neely, J. L.....Kincheon, Ala.
Pounds, L. B.....Clanton, Ala.
Ruddick, W. J.....Stanton, Ala.
Smoke, J. M.....Huckabee, Ala.
Thomas, J. H.....Cooper, Ala.
Wood, M. M.....Clanton, Ala.
Wood, W. A.....Lily, Ala.
Wells, J. R.....Randolph, Ala.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—1 Cor. 8: 6; Deut. 6: 4; Matt. 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13: 14; 1 John 5: 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1: 21; 2 Tim. 3: 16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—1 Peter 1: 25; Eph. 1: 4; 2 Thess. 2: 13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Rom. 3: 23; 5: 12; 3: 10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Rom. 5:6; John 6:44; Eph. 2: 1–5; Phil. 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.—Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2: 16–20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.—2 Cor. 12:9; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:38,39.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.—Matt. 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 8:38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment—Acts 17:31; John 5:28, 29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matt. 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.—1 Tim. 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42–44:2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 11–23–29.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as "The Unity Baptist Association," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

Art. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the

cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Treasurer—to be elected annually—and a stated Clerk, elected for life or good behavior—each of whom shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in the case of the absence of any officer one *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any Church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any Church, orthodox in faith and practice, and which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine and practice.

ART. 9. Any Church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each Church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the Church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a Church, which cannot be settled thereby, the Church shall call aid from two or more sister Churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the Churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported by letter to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered as an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the membership present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those opposed shall make it known by saying nay.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.

DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

First—Autaugavllle, Bethesda, Big Spring, Bethel, Evergreen, Harmony, Shady Grove.

Second—Bethsalem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Friendship, New Prospect, Shiloh, Verbena, Corinth, Enterprize, Good Hope.

Third—Clanton, Mt. Zion, Salem, Providence, Maple Springs, Mulberry, Jemison.

Fourth—Alpine, Chestnut Hill, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Pilgrim's Rest, Brookson.

STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Mtg.	Reports Revival
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Offic'rs & T'ch'rs	Pupils	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS			
Alpine	Chilton	A. M. Perry	J. T. Jones, Jr.	Plantersville	96	6	3	..	..	14	1	..	..	90	4	20	J. F. Johnson, Stanton	3	.	1
Autaugaville*	Autauga				5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..		..	.	.
Bethel	Autauga	A. M. Perry	A. H. Johnsen	Plantersville	46	6	6	..	..	3	..	..	1	54	..	..		4	.	.
Bethesda	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. L. Jones	Independence	127	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	124	6	50	M. D. Wyatt, Independence [2&	4	.	.
Big Spring	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. N. Gaines	Billingsley	113	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	115	..	..		3	.	1
Bozeman	Autauga	Geo. L. Bell	J. T. Levins	Mountain Cr'k	111	11	12	..	..	9	..	..	2	123	10	75	J. B. Gray, Bozeman [1&	3	1	1
Chestnut Creek	Chilton	J. L. Hand	J. W. Dennis	Cooper	114	1	2	..	..	5	3	..	..	109	5	40	J. F. Cooper, Cooper	3	.	.
Chestnut Hill*	Chilton				5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..		..	.	.
Clanton	Chilton		W. I. Mullins	Clanton	87	3	3	..	1	3	..	..	3	85	9	90	W. I. Mullins, Clanton	3	1	.
Corinth	Chilton	J. H. Thomas	W. B. Jones	Burwell	58	2	3	..	..	3	..	..	1	59	4	20	J. S. Jones, Sr., Burwell	1	1	1
Ebenezer	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	J. H. Mitchell	Stanton	108	11	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	120	4	65	W. L. Price, Dixie	4	1	1
Enterprise*	Chilton				13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..		..	.	.
Evergreen	Autauga	W. J. Ruddick	E. M. Bishop	Huckabee	97	6	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	96	7	40	H. E. Wallace, Huckabee	3	.	1
Friendship*	Elmore				21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..		..	.	.
Good Hope	Autauga	J. L. Hand	W. E. Boon	Rollins	46	9	10	2	..	1	5	..	..	61	..	..		..	.	.
Harmony	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. C. Adair	Jones' Switch	37	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..		1	.	.
Jemison*	Chilton	S. M. Adams			123	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123	..	..	Thos. Harrison, Jemison	..	.	.
Maple Spring*	Chilton	T. J. Deason			60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..		..	.	.
Mount Carmel	Chilton	A. M. Perry	R. A. Kemp	Stanton	66	14	7	..	7	5	..	..	1	88	5	65	D. M. Apperson, Stanton	1	1	1
Mount Zion	Chilton	W. S. Cox	D. H. Mullins	Jumbo	40	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	44	8	40	H. C. Young, Jumbo	1	.	1
Mulberry	Chilton	J. G. Lowrey	J. C. Veazey	Lily	172	2	6	..	..	5	1	..	4	170	5	63	J. L. Williams, Lily	1	1	1
New Prospect	Chilton	J. L. Hand	B. M. Rollinson	Marbury	58	4	8	..	..	6	1	..	2	61	..	..	H. Evans, Marbury [2 &	4	1	.
Plantersville	Dallas		Will Chandler	Plantersville	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..		..	.	.
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	J. P. Merchant	Shoults	82	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	83	..	..		1	.	.
Pilgrim's Rest	Chilton	A. M. Foshee	I. M. Tidwell	Pletcher	43	10	2	..	..	11	..	..	1	43	6	20	I. M. Tidwell, Pletcher	1	1	1
Providence	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	R. Robinson	Clanton	130	7	1	..	2	1	4	..	..	135	5	60	Riley Robinson, Clanton	1	.	.
Randolph*	Bibb	J. R. Wells			29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	J. M. Davis, Randolph	4	.	.
Sardis	Chilton	T. J. Deason	J. D. Deason	Stanton	50	2	3	..	3	1	4	..	2	51	6	60	J. D. Deason, Stanton	4	1	1
Salem	Chilton	J. H. Thomas	D. S. Robinson	Cooper	50	4	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	53	5	40	D. S. Robinson, Cooper	4	1	1
Shady Grove	Dallas	W. J. Ruddick	R. P. Moore	Burnsville	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..		2	.	.
Shiloh	Chilton	W. J. Bone	G. W. Edwards	Kincheon	108	7	8	2	2	15	..	..	..	112	..	..		3	.	1
Valley Creek	Chilton	A. M. Perry	W. W. Gandy	Plantersville	69	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	71	6	30	J. G. Gay, Plantersville	2	.	1
Verbena	Chilton	F. M. Woods	W. H. Strock	Verbena	80	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	87	6	20	W. B. Strock, Verbena	1	1	.
Brookson	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	J. W. Billingsley	Pletcher	..	4	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	4	30	F. J. Anderson, Pletcher	2	1	.
Bethsalem	Chilton	W. A. Wood	W. J. Vinson	Kincheon	57	5	3	..	..	4	..	..	1	60	3	36	W. J. Vinson, Kincheon	1	1	.
Total					2394	136	99	5	16	103	20	1	23	2503	108	864				

*Not represented, no report.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible & Colportage	Ministerial Education and Institute.	Orphans' Home	Minutes and Associational Purposes	Home Expenses			Indigent Ministers	Total	Value of Property
								Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, &c.	Poor and Sunday-school Expenses			
Alpine	$1.25	$	$	$	$	$5.00	$2 00	$	$	$	$1.00	$ 9.25	$ 300
Autaugaville													600
Bethe	1.00						2.00	45.00	400.00	3.00	1.25	452.25	400
Bethesda	6.44	1.40	1.46			2.00	3.00					14.30	500
Bethsalem							2.00	40.00				42.00	400
Bozeman	63.00	2.00	2.00		20.32	5.00	1.50	300.00		244.00		637.82	2000
Brookson							1.50					1.50	
Chestnut Creek						4.50	1.75	50.00				56.25	500
Chestnut Hill													
Clanton	11 00		9.25			36.15	1.55			20.32		78.27	1500
Corinth							1.75	23.00	133.00			157.75	150
Ebenezer	12.11	2.75	3.00			5.00	2.50	100.00	14 00	5.00		144.36	1200
Enterprise													
Evergreen	4.78	3.11	3.11			5.00	3.00	100.00	50.00	8.11		177.11	500
Friendship													
Good Hope							1.70					1.70	200
Harmony	8.00					4.00	2.00	80.00				94.00	500
Jemison													1000
Maple Spring													300
Mount Carmel	5.00					4.40	2.00	50.00		7.00	25	68.65	400
Mount Zion	2.50	2.25	1.75			2.00	80					9.30	350
Mulberry	18.55						2.00	150 00	5.00	5.00		180.55	800
New Prospect							5.00					5.00	350
Plantersville	1 20						1.50					2.70	400
Pleasant Grove							1.50	30.00				31.50	500
Pilgrim's Rest						2.00	1.50		25.0	11.00		39.50	300
Providence	2.00	1.00	1.50	92		1.00	2.00	27.00	75.35	4.00		114.77	400
Randolph													500
Sardis						2.00	1.25					3.25	150
Salem							2.00	25.00		8.00		35.00	150
Shady Grove	1.25					3.03	50	41.45				46.23	500
Shiloh	1.01						2.00					3 01	300
Valley Creek	5.00	2.50	2.50		5.00	2.50	1.50	50.00	8.84	4.00	2 66	84.50	300
Verbena	20.70	7.45	14.50	7 55	6.25	26.26	1.40	150.00		11 70		245.81	2000
Big Spring	8.00					5.00	2.00	80.00				95.00	800
Collected at Assoc.				19.00							7.10	26.00	
Total	172.79	22.46	39.07	27.47	31.57	114.84	53.20	1341.45	711.19	331.13	12.26	2857.43	18.250

Time and Place of Meeting, and Officers of the Association from its origin to the present.

Year	Place of Meeting	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shaly Grove	J. R. Sartor	B. B. Smith	J. N. Gradick	J. Nunn
1856	Plantersville	A. C. Patillo	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1857	Mulberry	A. Andrews	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1858	Kingston	D. M. Lloyd	J. D. Moodie	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1859	Harmony	J. H. Ray	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1860	Ebenezer	J. D. Moodie	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn
1861	Chestnut Creek	W. Wilkes	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	L. B. Parker
1862	Bethesda	A. Andrews	I. U. Wilkes	A. L. Haralson	L. B. Parker.
1863					
1864	Randolph				
1865	Plantersville	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. R. Gandy	L. B. Parker
1866					
1867	Fellowship				
1868	Harmony				
1869	Bethel	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1870	Mt. Hebron	W. Lee	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1871	Mulberry	J. Allen	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker
1872	Chestnut Creek	W. Lee	A. Andrews	J. L. Williams	W. C. Adair
1873	Big Spring	J. A. Mullins	A. Andrews	H. E. Longerier	W. C. Adair.
1874	Plantersville	G. W. Mills	A. Andrews	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1875	Mount Zion	W. Lee	William Lee	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1876	Ebenezer	J. A. Mullins.	William Lee	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1877	Harmony	A. Andrews	William Lee	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1878	Chestnut Creek	F. M. Vines	A. Andrews	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1879	Fellowship	A. L. Blizzard	A. Andrews	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1880	Bethesda	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1881	Mulberry	H. E. Longerier	J. Falkner	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1882	Shiloh	A. Andrews	J. Falkner	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1883	Randolph	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longerier	K. Wells
1884	Harmony	W. N. Huckabee	J. Falkner	P. M. Henley	K. Wells
1885	Friendship	J. A. Mullins	A. J. Brooks	P. M. Henley	K. Wells
1886	Clayton	Hardy Jones	A. J. Brooks	P. M. Henley	K. Wells
1887	Plantersville	J. Falkner	A. J. Brooks	P. M. Henley	K. Wells
1888	Verbena	W. J. Ruddick	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1889	Ebenezer	G. W. Mills	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1890	Big Springs	J. W. Mitchell	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1891	Mount Carmel	J. M. McCord	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1892	Chestnut Creek	H. Jones	A. J. Brooks	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1893	Evergreen	J. W. Dunaway	J. W. Dunaway	W. J. Ruddick	K. Wells
1894	Mount Zion	W. J. Ruddick	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins.
1895	Fellowship	J. G. Lowery	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins.
1896	Providence	F. M. Woods	J. G. Lowery	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins.
1897	Bethsalem	R. H. Long	F. M. Woods	W. J. Ruddick	W. I. Mullins.
1898	Bethesda	W. J. Ruddick	F. M. Woods	W. J Ruddick	H. W. Caffey.